

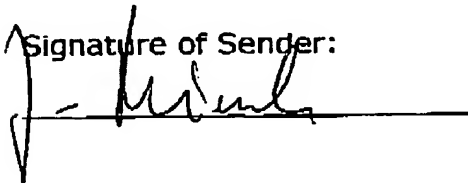
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Application No.: 10/501,550

) TRIEU, T.

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) Art Unit:

For: ROTATIONAL PUMP

) 3748

Docket No.: 2104 0092US

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Independent claims	1	-	3	X	x\$200	0
Multiple dependent claim added					\$360	0
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed in the subject patent application requiring Restriction/Election. The Applicant hereby elects the invention associated with figures 1 through 5. The claims reading on this embodiment are 17 through 25 and 32.

This election is made **with traverse**. The traverse is based on the following arguments.

The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's assessment that only claim 17 is generic. In fact, claims 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24 and 32 are all generic to the embodiments of figures 1 through 13.

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The Applicant respectfully disagrees with the manner in which the Examiner has applied the principles of unity invention in this case, since the requirement does not conform with the PCT rules and articles as adopted by the US PTO. The Examiner's attention is referred to MPEP 1893.03(d). This section of the MPEP clearly states that unity of the invention considerations during the national stage are to be performed using the same procedures applied throughout all stages of an international application and refers specifically to MPEP § 1850 for a detailed discussion thereof. However, MPEP § 1850 II clearly states that unity of the invention can only be considered with regard to independent claims and not to dependent claims, regardless of whether or not the dependent claims are directed to further inventions. The only case in which one independent claim and a plurality of dependent claims can lead lack of unity of invention is through an a posteriori consideration of prior art in which the prior art negates the patentability of the independent claim, thereby requiring amendments which would strip the invention of its unity of invention structure. However, the Examiner has not applied prior art in the requirement. Moreover, the international search report indicates only background prior art of category A which clearly do not jeopardize the patentability of the independent claim.

The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the requirement with regard to unity of invention and to examine all claims of record.

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